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MISSILE PROGRAMME CHAPTER IN NCERT TEXT BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council for Educational Research and Training has been granted permission to include a chapteron Indian-Scientists in the Curriculum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether information regarding Missile Programme has been included in the revised edition of the NCERTEnglish Text Books prescribed for class IX;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to include the above said chapter on Missile Programme in the Hindi text books especially for Primary classes; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to give effect to the proposal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Copy right permission from authors of the publications of the books from which the extracts are borrowed to include chapter on Indian Scientists in the curriculum has always been obtained.

(c) There is no lesson on India's Missile Programme in any English text book prescribed for class IX. The English textbook for class IX, Steps to English includes portion from Dr. Abdul Kalam's autobiography Wings of Fire. Thisportion titled 'My Childhood' gives information on how and where Dr. Kalam was brought up and educated during his childhood.

(d) & (e) NCERT does not propose at present to includeany lesson on the Missile Programme in any language textbooks for the primary classes.